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Applicant: Lidholm Stumvoll et al : Paper No.:
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For: Use of a Pure Allergen Component

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box Patent Application
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Dear Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and first action by the Examiner, please amend the present application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-8.

Please add the following claims 9-22:

--9. (NEW) A method for serologically identifying with improved accuracy the actual sensitizing allergen source among a variety of possible allergen sources containing cross-reactive proteins or epitopes, comprising contacting serum with a pure allergen component of limited or no cross-reactivity.--